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Rann-dom Reels

By HOWARD L. RANN

THE FALL SKIRT

THE fall skirt is a neat garment which looks a good deal like the spring skirt, but costs more, owing to the European war, which has caused a great scarcity of everything except campaign bunk.

The fall skirt was gotten up last February in the heart of Paris, France, and sent over here to be sold to women who do not care to look like any of their neighbors. To the dull and unpracticed eye of man it is hard to tell a new fall skirt of the 1917 model from the one his wife wore twice in the early spring and discarded after making the horrifying discovery that it was three-quarters of an inch too long to be strictly au fait. There is nothing more depressing than a new skirt which is only 75 per cent au fait and folds carelessly about both ankles, instead of tilting back rakishly and blinding the innocent bystander in both eyes.

Great care has been taken, according to the fashion periodicals, to make the fall skirt so long that it can be

Discarded After Making the Horrifying Discovery That It Was Three-Quarters of an Inch Too Long to Be Strictly au Fait.

worn to church with perfect propriety. By actual measurement it will reach to the top of a 12-inch boot, which will prevent anybody from tripping on it. In fact, it is estimated that it is going to be harder to trip over one of the new fall skirts than it is to escape the strident voice of the cafe pianо player.

The fall skirt will be made of anything that costs more than it did last winter, but will not be guaranteed against defects of workmanship or material. Stripes will be worn a great deal by women who would look better in some solid, neutral tint like black taffeta. The nervous, high-voiced Scotch plaid will also be favored by wives whose husbands have learned to suffer in silence.

Owing to the increasing hardihood of the American woman, the fall skirt will have the same kind of lining as the silk stocking, but the latter will contain a trifle more material.

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Memories

By GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS

IT IS the faculty of Remembering and constantly calling to mind what has gone before, that makes it possible for us to tread Forward. It is what saves us from becoming fossilized. It is what enables us to throw off the decaying shell of Self and to renew our strength in Effort and Enthusiasm and in Achievement.

All that you now have of the Old Year are its Memories. How are you going to use them?

Every single life has its Stumbling Times. Every single life has its Climbing Hours. It is the Memory of the thrilling moments, that fairly made our whole consciousness glow with power and satisfaction, that make us feel we are worthy as fighters in the game and as aspirers for a portion of the Joy of this world.

All that you now have of the Old Year are its Memories. How are you going to use them?

Why not resolve here and now that you will just let slide, silent from you, every unpleasant memory of the past, gathering up and tying securely to you the while, every Pleasant Memory that the past has given to you? Make them spurs and incentives to make you bolder, braver and bigger. For—

All that you now have of the Old Year—and Years—are its Memories. How are you going to use them?

Just Folks

By EDGAR A. GUEST

EVERYWHERE IN AMERICA.

Not somewhere in America, but everywhere today,
Where snow-crowned mountains hold their heads, the vales where children play,
Beside the bench and whirring lathe, on every lake and stream
And in the depths of earth below, men share a common dream,
The dream our brave forefathers had of freedom and of right,
And once again in honor's cause, they rally and unite.

Not somewhere in America is love of country found
But east and west and north and south once more the bugles sound
And once again, as one, men stand to break their brother's chains,
And make the world a better place, where only justice reigns.
The patriotism that is here, is echoed over there
The hero at a certain post is on guard everywhere.
O'er humble home and mansion rich the starry banner flies
And far and near throughout the land the men of valor rise.

The flag that flutters o'er your home is fluttering far away
O'er homes that you have never seen. The same impulses sway
The souls of men in distant states, The red, the white and blue
Means to one hundred million strong, just what it means to you,
The self-same courage resolute you feel and understand
Is throbbing in the breasts of men throughout this mighty land.
Not somewhere in America, but everywhere today
For justice and for liberty all free men work and pray.

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SCHOOL DAYS

Oh, daddy, just look—look at him! All those lovely curls! Oh-you! I could simply shake the very gizzard right out of you! Monkey! Skinned rabbit! Imp! — Peeled onion!
Why Dick! Aint you ashamed of yourself? Gettin all them there purty curls cut off! I've a good notion to whale you, Dick—
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Last Night's Dreams —What They Mean

DID YOU DREAM OF FIRE?

IN REGARD to dreams about fire the mystics are not entirely agreed. They all seem to agree that simply to dream of a fire is a favorable omen, but some of them attach unfavorable meanings to different circumstances which may arise in connection with the dream fire. Many of them predict that if you dream of a conflagration in which your house or your place of business is burned down, you will have many business troubles, but will come through them all right. Others say that if you see a fire in which the burning houses have fallen down it is a most favorable omen and not so good a one if the houses still stand. The consensus of opinion is that to see any fire and not get burned by it denotes health, fortune and happiness.

To burn yourself in your dreams is not a favorable prognostication, but to dream that you touch the fire and are not burned, a most favorable one. Most authorities agree that while to dream of fire is a promise of good luck, it also means that you are likely to have a quarrel with a friend, though some declare that you must see the fire start suddenly to be sure of a quarrel, and all agree that the dispute will be over a trifle. If you extinguish the fire, a surprise is in store for you. To see a sparkling fire on a hearth or in a stove, denotes plenty of money. If a woman builds a fire without any trouble, she will be happy and have many children.

If she has difficulty in making the fire burn, the omen is the reverse.

The scientists regard the fire dream simply as a reminiscence from our nursery days when we were warned not to play with matches and schedule this dream as one of the typical or standard ones.

As the scientists don't entirely agree with the mystics, and the mystics don't entirely agree among themselves with regard to the significance of dream-fire, it would seem to be a case where each of the rest of us was entitled to his own opinion.

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MOTHER'S COOK BOOK by Nellie Maxwell

The art of cooking cannot be learned out of a book any more than the art of swimming or the art of painting. The best teacher is practice, the best guide is sentiment.—Louis XV.

What to Eat.

For a change in serving potatoes try:

Sauted Potato Balls.

Cut balls from potatoes with a French cutter. Cook ten minutes in boiling water, slightly salted. Drain, put into an omelet pan with a tablespoonful of butter, a sprinkling of paprika, cover and place on the back of the range and cook until delicately browned. Shake the pan occasionally so that the balls will brown evenly. Use the left-over pieces for mashed potatoes.

Pineapple Filling for Cake.

Any layer cake recipe may be used with this filling, or a sponge cake baked in layers: Take one-half a can of pineapple, add one cupful of sugar and the yolks of two eggs with a tablespoonful of corn starch. Cook all together, except the eggs, for a few minutes, then cool, add the eggs and finish cooking; add when thick a tablespoonful of butter and cool before spreading.

Noodles.

Break two eggs into a bowl, beat and then add as much flour as can be stirred into them. Roll out into a very thin sheet, cut in strips and dry for half an hour, then cook in the soup ten to fifteen minutes.

Tomato and Pepper Salad.

Scald the tomatoes, peel and cut in halves. Place on a lettuce leaf cut side up. Scoop out some of the pulp and place four or five asparagus tips in the center of each tomato. Cut rings from peppers and adjust for handles. Serve chilled, with any desired dressing.

Southern Steak.

Roll beef or veal in seasoned flour and fry in a little butter until brown, cover with milk and bake until the milk is absorbed. Cover the pan while baking.

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MILITANT MARY
Just when you're gloating over what a sport you are, all TOLD Some Auntie visits you and makes you feel JUST EIGHT YEARS OLD!
E. Fitz Hugh

HE PAID THE FREIGHT

Mrs. Simpson: Tis better to give than receive.

Mr. Simpson: You can say that all right because you don't receive the bills, I do.

Asbestos.

The earliest use of asbestos was for spinning and weaving, to make incombustible thread and yarn, rope and cloth, and this has continued to be the most important use of asbestos ever since the days of the Greeks and Romans. Only the best grades can be used for this purpose, according to J. S. Diller of the United States geological survey, department of the interior. Thread can now be spun so fine that it will run about 32,000 feet to the pound.

NOTHING FOR IT TO DO.

Physician — Here is a list of things which you mustn't eat.

Patient (after looking list over): Say, doctor, I don't see as I'll need my atomizer any more.

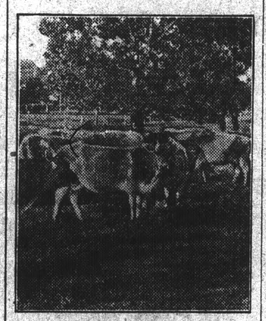
TUBERCULOSIS IS SERIOUS MENACE

Ran Its Course Through Illinois Herd of Dairy Cattle With Great Rapidity.

ANIMALS REACTED TO TEST

Danger of Disease to Cattle and Swine Demonstrated by Sale of Hogs From This Farm Early in Year—Test Is Urged.

The extent to which bovine tuberculosis, if uncontrolled, runs its course through a herd of cattle is shown in a recent report received by the United States department of agriculture from one of its field inspectors in Illinois. Every animal in a herd of grade Holsteins and Jerseys reacted to the tuberculosis test. The herd consisted of 14 cows, two calves and two bulls. Upon post-mortem examination six of



Good Pasture Is One of the Best as Well as One of the Most Economical Cow Feeds.

the animals showed such extensive lesions that the entire carcass was condemned and destroyed. All of the other reactors likewise showed lesions though not of such an extensive nature as to necessitate destruction of the carcass. The fact that every animal in the herd reacted and showed lesions makes the case one of the most striking ever recorded.

Swine Owners Cautioned.

The danger of tuberculous cattle to swine was further demonstrated by the sale of hogs from this farm early in the year. The first lot of 21 hogs sold showed such extensive lesions of tuberculosis upon post-mortem that the packing company refused to accept the remaining 50. These were subsequently sold to a local shipper and their identity and destination are not known. If the swine are still alive they are undoubtedly a menace to other stock. The bureau of animal industry cautions swine owners against purchasing stock from farms where either tuberculous cattle or swine are kept.

Chronic Coughér Died.

The bureau inspector also reported that a week after the shipment of hogs had been made, a milk cow—a chronic coughér—had died and the younger stock was allowed to devour the carcass. Such a practice is responsible for a great deal of tuberculosis among swine in the United States. According to bureau officials, the fact stated should cause any live stock farmer who finds tuberculosis among his hogs or whose shipments of hogs are refused because of extensive lesions of that disease, to have his herd of cattle tested promptly. Unless the origin of infection is known and removed, tuberculosis is liable to run its course among all the cattle and swine on the farm.

TESTING SOILS FOR ACIDITY

Valuable Information May Be Secured by Insertion of Blue and Red Litmus Paper.

One of the common methods of testing soil for acidity is to get from a drug store a few pieces, each of blue and red litmus paper. A spade is inserted into the soil to be tested while your soil is reasonably moist. When the spade is withdrawn one piece of the litmus paper of each color is poked into the opening made by the spade, and the soil is pressed firmly against the litmus paper which is allowed to remain a minute or so, or until the paper is acted on by the soil moisture. If the blue litmus paper turns red the soil is acid. If the red litmus paper turns blue the soil is alkaline. If the paper is not changed in color the soil is neutral. If you wish to get the degree of acidity you had best get a test made by a chemist.

ELIMINATE UNTHRIFTY BIRDS

Stunted Chicks Will Never Pay for Feed and Care Used in Trying to Rear Them.

In any lot of chicks there will be found certain stunted or unthrifty individuals. Such birds will never pay for the feed and care used in trying to rear them. It is not only good sense but also good business judgment to cull these unthrifty chicks just as soon as they are discovered. There also will be found certain cockerels which exceed their fellows in the rapidity of growth and maturity. It is well to mark and save such cockerels which reach a good size to use as breeders.

OLD MILK CAN MADE USEFUL

Discarded Utensil Can Be Converted Into Excellent Rat Trap—Set in Likely Place.

An old milk can makes a good rat-trap. Place bacon rind, cheese, cracked walnuts or other good bait in the bottom, and set the can in a likely place. Once inside the can the rats will have a hard session to get out again.

Put Brooders on Ground.

If possible, locate the brooders on ground that has recently been cultivated, thereby eliminating the danger of tainted soil and possible disease.

Crowding Poultry.

Crowding is a mistake that is quite prevalent on farms. It is bad because it always makes good conditions bad and bad conditions worse.

Control Corn Earworm.

Fall plowing controls corn earworm.

HAIRY PERUVIAN HAS SPECIAL ADVANTAGES

Should Not Be Confused With Smooth-Leaved Variety.

Is Rapid Grower, Recovers Quickly After Cutting and Furnishes More Pasturage During Winter and in Fall and Spring.

Peruvian alfalfa has decided advantages over other varieties for those sections of the United States where it will grow, say forage experts of the United States department of agriculture. This should be taken as applying to the true or hairy Peruvian alfalfa and not to the so-called smooth-leaved Peruvian alfalfa. This later name the specialists regard as unfortunate, as it leads to confusion in the seed trade and gives unscrupulous dealers an opportunity to make excessive profits on mixed seeds. The "smooth Peruvian is hardly distinguishable from common alfalfa."

The principal advantages of Peruvian as compared with common alfalfa are its more rapid growth, quick recovery after cutting, and ability to grow in cooler weather, thus furnishing more pasturage during the winter and in late fall and early spring.

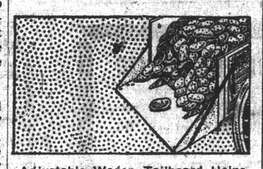
The territory in which common alfalfa could be profitably replaced by Peruvian includes a comparatively narrow strip down the Pacific coast and along the Mexican border and the gulf, thence up the Atlantic coast to the vicinity of Charleston, S. C. It cannot be grown to advantage where the winter temperature falls below 10 degrees.

This alfalfa was first introduced into this country by the United States department of agriculture in 1899. The earliest introductions were not perpetuated, however, and it was not until 1903 that considerable efforts were made to produce a supply of seed. The subject of the Peruvian alfalfa industry is discussed in detail in' department of agriculture circular 98.

WAGON TAILBOARD IS HANDY

Adjustable Device Makes It Possible to Shovel From Full Load of Apples or Potatoes.

This tailboard makes it possible to commence shoveling from a full load of potatoes or apples; it may also be used as a hopper to pour the load into a chute. The board is attached to the bottom of the wagon box with heavy strap-iron hinges, put on with bolts. Heavy sheet iron is fitted to the outside of the tailboard, and is bent up at the sides to form wings, as shown. The sheet iron is fastened to the wood with soft-iron rivets, the washers on the upper end of the rivets being sunk into the wood to leave a smooth surface for shoveling. The tailboard should be re-enforced with wooden



Adjustable Wagon Tailboard Helps.

cleats on the outside, in order to withstand rough handling. The supporting chain is adjustable to hold the board at any angle from below level up to vertical.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

POISON WILL KILL WEEVILS

Carbon Bisulphide Placed in Tightly Covered Tub or Other Vessel Is Quite Effective.

Weevils can be killed in beans and peas by the use of carbon bisulphide. To treat these put them in a jar, tub or other vessel which can be covered tightly. Put into a glass about one-teaspoonful of carbon bisulphide for each ten gallons of space in the inclosure and place the glass in with the beans. Allow them to remain in the fumes of the carbon bisulphide over night. Then take them out and place in dry storage quarters. Do not take lamps or lighted matches near the material, and do not breathe the fumes.

KEEPING SCUM FROM TANKS

One of Best Methods Is to Use Very Small Amount of Copper Sulphate or Blue Vitriol.

One of the best methods of keeping the green scum from gathering in water tanks is to use a very small amount of copper sulphate or blue vitriol. The copper kills the organism, which is a small plantlike growth called algae. The amount of copper in the water will not be large enough to poison live stock. A proportion of one-half ounce to 60 gallons of water is enough to kill all ordinary growth of this kind, and it can be repeated as the new growths appear.

TIMBER RAISING IN EASTERN UNITED STATES PAYS BECAUSE—

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2. The abundant rainfall permits rapid tree growth.
3. Transportation facilities by rail and water are good.
4. Numerous large cities furnish an adequate market.
5. The region is far removed from the virgin supplies of the Pacific Northwest.

Most Economical Food.

It has been demonstrated that the cow can produce food for human beings more economical than the steer, sheep or pig, and that no substitute can meet the requirements of her products.

Keep Cows Comfortable.

The cows should be comfortably housed at all times and in summer they should be protected from heat and flies.

Cabbage Worm Poison.

For cabbage worms: Mix one part of insect powder with four parts of air-slaked lime and dust it on the plants.

Drain Wet Fields.

Drain the wet field that has been causing trouble and poor yields.

Adrift with Humor

MYSTERIES OF UNREST.

"I wonder why the people in this establishment take so little pains to be agreable to me," said the old customer. "I have been trading here for years."

"Maybe that's the reason," replied the unrestful one. "Our bosses aren't so very popular around here and you are evidently regarded as a friend of theirs."

A Sentiment Disapproved.

"I noted," said Senator Sorghum, "that when my political rival stepped on the platform you struck up 'See the Conquering Hero Comes.'"

"Certainly," replied the leader of the band.

"Well, my friend, what I want to say is that while you may be a fine musician, you're a poor prophet."

A Positive Essential.

"Henrietta has decided to give up our flat immediately," said Mr. Meekton.

"Aren't you comfortable?"

"Not any more. Henrietta thinks we ought to make a showing in politics and our apartment hasn't even a fire-escape landing, much less a front porch."

Scientific Suggestion.

"There was only one way the astronomer's wife could get him down from his observatory to look at the bruise on their boy's face."

"How was that?"

"She told him to come quick and take an observation of a spot on the son."

QUALIFIED.

Parent—Can you support my daughter in the way to which she has been accustomed?

Suitor—Yes, indeed, I live in the biggest and muddiest pond around here.

A Tip to Market Tips.

Advice, though it is
Given free,
May to its taker
Costly be.

Her Style.

"What sort of a car is that fly away Miss Flirty going to get?"

"I don't know, but the most fitting kind for her would be a runabout."

Realistic.

"Why did you lay the action in your first act in a dental parlor?"

"Because I wanted the scene to have some drawing power."

Not a Healthy Place.

"Better not try any business in this town," said the first highwayman.

"Why not? The pickin' is good," said the second.

"I know; but they've got a judge here who's actually passin' out 15-year stretches."

The Leader.

Willie—Mamma, who is that man with long hair who is waving a stick in front of all those fiddlers?

Mamma—He is the conductor, Willie.

Willie—Oh, is he? Well, where do they keep the motorman?

The One Obstacle.

"There is only one good reason that I can see why a woman should not have a say in everything."

"What is that?"

"If she's dumb."

His Fate.

"There is no harmony in that man's life."

"Is his family quarrelsome?"

"No; he gives singing lessons."

His Mind Still at the Office.

Mrs. De LaSalle (on a pleasure trip with her broker husband) points to the glowing sun slowly setting behind the mountain range—See how it's sinking lower and lower—

He—Yes, soon it will be below par.

Her Secret.

Patience—Peggy can't keep a secret.

Patrice—Indeed, she can.

"Why do you say she can?"

"Because I asked her how old she was and she wouldn't tell me."

Could Be Easily Silenced.

Husband—If you were only deaf and dumb, my dear.

Mrs. Nagg—Oh, you wish that, do you?

Husband (wearily)—Yes, then I could turn out the light when you got started.

Dressed to Suit.

"Why need that surgeon advertise his business by his dress?"

"Why, does he?"

"I notice he always wears a cutaway coat."

Uncertainty.

"You can't be sure what'll happen when you shake a red rag in front of a bull," remarked Cactus Joe.

"No," replied Three-Finger Sam. "You may survive and you may not. All you know is that it is going to be a toss-up."

The Difference.

"Was this description of the delights of perfume meant by you to mean an emotion?"

"Oh, no! It was more a sweet scent."

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